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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

*In re* application of:

BELOTSEKOVSKII, et al.

Serial No.: 09/919,345

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For: Enhanced Targeting of DNA  
Sequences by Recombinase Protein  
and Single-Stranded Homologous  
DNA Probes using DNA Analog  
Activation

Examiner: Lu, Frank Wei Min

Group Art Unit: 1634

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

The following is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed July 12, 2002. This Response is filed with a Petition for Extension of Time and the appropriate fee extending the period for response by three months up to and including Monday, January 13, 2003, making this a timely response. However, should it be determined otherwise, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees, including any extension fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (Our Order No: A-69625-1/RFT/DLR/ 467135-00074).

Claims 1-35 are pending in the instant application. The Examiner has restricted the claims to Group I, Claims 1-11 drawn to a composition, classified in class 536, subclass 24.3, and Group II, Claims 12-35, drawn to a method for hybridization of a probe to a target nucleic acid, classified in class 435, subclass 6. In addition, the Examiner is requiring the election of a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits, with Species I being directed to a prokaryotic recombinase (Claims 7, 8, 28, and 29) and Species II being directed to a eukaryotic recombinase (Claims 9-11, and 30-32).

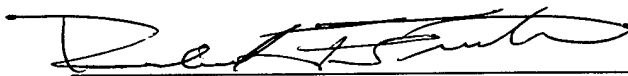
Applicants hereby elect Group I, Species I, restricted by the Examiner to claims 1-8, with Claims 9-11 pending as unelected Species II which may be pursued in this application upon a finding of allowability of one or more of the generic claims, Claims 1-6. As a consequence, please cancel only Claims 12-35 as being drawn to non-elected inventions. This paper is filed under 37 C.F.R. section 1.34(a).

Respectfully submitted,

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